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DECLARATION BY DENISE BARBUT AND TRACY MAAHS UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

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Sir:

We, DENISE BARBUT and TRACY MAAHS, do declare that:

- 1. We have reviewed claims 1-13 pending in the present application.
- 2. We have reviewed U.S. Patent No. 5,769,816.
- 3. Denise Barbut was among the inventors named on U.S. Patent No. 5,769,816.
- 4. We invented the subject matter of claims 1-13 pending in the present

application.

5. The subject matter of claims 1-13 was disclosed but not claimed in U.S.

Patent No. 5,769,816.

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6. We invented the subject matter disclosed but not claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,769,816, and now claimed in the present application.

7. We further declare that all statements made in this Declaration of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent and application involved in the present proceedings.

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